

HEARING DATE: October 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.  
RESPONSE DEADLINE: October 12, 2006

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	:	Chapter 11
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DELPHI CORPORATION, <u>et al.</u> ,	:	Case No. 05-44481 (RDD)
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**SECOND INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF  
HOWARD & HOWARD ATTORNEYS, P.C.  
FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR  
SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

SUMMARY SHEET PURSUANT TO UNITED STATES TRUSTEE GUIDELINES FOR  
REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF  
EXPENSES FILED UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 330

Name of Applicant:	Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.
Period for Which Compensation And Reimbursement is Sought:	February 1, 2006 through May 31, 2006
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Debtors
Date of Retention:	January 3, 2006 effective <u>nunc pro tunc</u> to October 8, 2005

Amount of Compensation and  
Expense Reimbursement Sought  
As Actual, Reasonable and Necessary:

Second Interim Application Period  
February 1, 2006 through May 31, 2006

Fees Requested: \$197,421.00  
Expenses Requested: \$10,006.89

**Total Sought for Compensation  
And Expenses in Second Interim  
Application Period**

**Total Fees and Expenses: \$207,427.89**

Amounts Requested on Prior  
Fee Applications:

Fees Previously Requested: \$98,553.00  
Fees Previously Awarded: \$0.00  
Expenses Previously Requested: \$19,701.70  
Expenses Previously Awarded: \$0.00  
Holdback from Prior Application: At least \$19,710.60<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This amount represents the full Twenty Percent (20%) of fees on the First Interim Application as incurred between October 8, 2006 and January 31, 2006.

Hearing Date and Time: October 19, 2006, 10:00 a.m.  
Objection Deadline: October 12, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

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**NOTICE OF FILING OF SECOND INTERIM APPLICATION OF HOWARD AND  
HOWARD ATTORNEYS, P.C. FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR  
SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 31, 2006, Howard & Howard Attorneys P.C. ("Howard & Howard"), Intellectual Property Counsel to the Debtor and certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates, debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed its Second Interim Fee Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Fee Application").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing to consider approval of the Fee Application will be held on **October 19, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.** (Prevailing Eastern Time) (the "Hearing") before the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, Room 610, New York, New York 10004.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the Fee Application must (a) be in writing, (b) conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, and the Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (the "Guidelines") (c) be filed with the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with General Order M-242 (as amended) – registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's case filing system must file electronically, and all other parties-in-interest must file on a 3.5 inch disk (preferably in Portable Document Format (PDF), WordPerfect, or any other Windows-based word processing format), (d) be submitted in hard-copy form directly to the chambers of the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge, and (e) be served upon (i) Delphi Corporation, 5725 Delphi Drive, Troy, Michigan 48098 (Att'n: General Counsel), (ii) counsel to the Debtors, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 333 West Wacker Drive, Suite 2100, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (Att'n: John Wm. Butler, Jr.), (iii) counsel for the agent under the Debtors' prepetition credit facility, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (Att'n: Kenneth S. Ziman), (iv) counsel for the agent under the postpetition credit facility, Davis Polk & Wardwell, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (Att'n: Marlane Melican), (v) counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Latham & Watkins LLP, 885 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022 (Att'n: Robert J. Rosenberg and Mark A. Broude), and (vi) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 33 Whitehall Street, Suite 2100, New York, New York 10004 (Att'n: Alicia M. Leonhard), (vii) Howard & Howard Attorneys, PC, 39400 Woodward Ave., Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304 (Att'n: Sara K. MacWilliams) and (viii) the Joint Fee Review Committee established by this Court's Third Supplemental Order, in each case

so as to be **received** no later than **4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on October 12, 2006** (the "Objection Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that only those objections made as set forth herein and in accordance with the Guidelines will be considered by the Bankruptcy Court at the Hearing. If no objections to the Fee Application are timely filed and served in accordance with the procedures set forth herein and in the Guidelines, the Bankruptcy Court may enter an order granting Howard & Howard's request for compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses without further notice.

Dated: July 31, 2006

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FOR INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES  
FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH MAY 31, 2006**

Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C. (“Howard & Howard”), Intellectual Property Counsel to Delphi Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates, debtors-in-possession in the above captioned cases (collectively, the “Debtors”), pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), submits this Second Interim Fee Application for interim allowance of reasonable compensation for actual and necessary professional services in the aggregate amount of \$197,421.00, and for reimbursement of its actual, reasonable and necessary expenses in the aggregate amount of \$10,006.89, for a total aggregate amount of \$207,427.89, and respectfully states:

**BACKGROUND**

1. On October 8, 2005 (the “Petition Date”) the Debtors filed their respective voluntary petitions with this Court under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Since the filing of their respective Chapter 11 cases, the Debtors have continued in possession of their respective

properties and businesses as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1107 and 1108. The Debtors' Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases are being jointly administered. On December 6, 2005, Debtors filed their application to retain Howard & Howard (pursuant to U.S.C. 327(e)) as Intellectual Property Counsel to Debtors. On January 3, 2006, the Order approving the Debtors' employment of Howard & Howard as Intellectual Property Counsel was approved with such approval being effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date.

### **JURISDICTION**

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this Second Interim Fee Application pursuant to U.S.C. § 157. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §157 (b)(2)(A). The statutory authority for the relief requested in this Second Interim Fee Application is Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331.

### **SUMMARY OF REQUESTED PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS**

3. This Second Interim Fee Application has been prepared in accordance with the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases adopted by the Court on April 19, 1995 (the "Local Guidelines"), the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 adopted on January 30, 1996 (the "UST Guidelines"), the Order Under 11 U.S.C. 330 §331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals dated November 4, 2005 (the "Interim Compensation Order"), the Supplemental Order Under 11 U.S.C. §331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professional dated March 8, 2006 ("Supplemental Interim Order"), the Second Supplemental Order Under 11 U.S.C. §331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

for Professionals dated March 28, 2006 (“Second Supplemental Order”), the Third Supplemental Order Under 11 U.S.C. § 331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals dated May 5, 2006 (“Third Supplemental Order”), the Fourth Supplemental Order Under 11 U.S.C. § 331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals dated July 12, 2006 (“Fourth Supplemental Order”). (Collectively, the foregoing orders and supplemental orders, the Local Guidelines and the UST Guidelines are hereinafter the “Guidelines”). Pursuant to the Local Guidelines, a certification regarding compliance with same is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

4. Howard & Howard files this interim application and seeks allowance herein of reasonable compensation for actual and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtors in the aggregate amount of \$197,421.00 in fees. This amount includes \$144,951.50 for fees both incurred and billed between February 1, 2006 and May 31, 2006 (the “Compensation Period”), \$31,114.50 for fees incurred between October 8, 2006 and January 31, 2006 but not billed until the Compensation Period, and \$21,355.00 for fees incurred during the Compensation Period but not billed to the Debtor during the Compensation Period. Fees in the amount of \$31,114.50 were incurred prior to the Compensation Period, but were not billed until the Compensation Period because these fees were billed on an “end-project” basis, as the Debtor has historically requested Howard & Howard to bill for certain Intellectual Property-related legal projects. Howard & Howard seeks payment of this \$31,114.50 now pursuant to Paragraph 15 of its First Interim Fee Application, by which Howard & Howard reserved the right to request addition compensation for services rendered between October 8, 2005 and January 31, 2005 but not processed prior to the preparation of Howard & Howard’s First Interim Fee Application, and also because such billing was consistent with the Debtor’s previous requirements for Howard & Howard’s billing



practices. Howard & Howard also seeks payment of \$21,355.00 in fees incurred during the Compensation Period but not processed and billed during the Compensation Period; in light of the Fee Guidelines, Howard & Howard seeks payment of such amounts now even though the fees were not billed during the Compensation Period.<sup>1</sup>

5. Howard & Howard seeks an aggregate of \$10,006.89 in actual, reasonable expenses. Of this amount, \$9,736.89 of such expenses were incurred and billed during the Compensation Period. An additional \$270 was incurred between October 8, 2005 and January 31, 2006 but not processed and billed until the Compensation Period. Howard & Howard thus seeks payment of this \$270 in expenses pursuant to Paragraph 15 of its First Interim Fee Application, by which Howard & Howard reserved the right to request addition compensation for disbursements incurred between October 8, 2005 and January 31, 2005 but not processed prior to the preparation of Howard & Howard's First Interim Fee Application. In light of the Fee Guidelines, Howard & Howard also seeks reimbursement of \$0.60 in expenses incurred during the Compensation Period but not yet processed and billed as of the date of this Second Interim Fee Application.

6. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order and Supplemental Orders, Howard & Howard provides (i) Delphi Corporation, (ii) the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "U.S. Trustee"), (iii) counsel for the official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these cases (the "Committee"), (iv) Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, (v) counsel for the agent under the Debtors' pre-petition credit facility, (vi) counsel for the agent under the Debtors' postpetition credit facility, (vii) the Joint Fee Review Committee established

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<sup>1</sup> Howard & Howard has historically billed the Debtor for certain Intellectual Property-related legal matters on an "end-project" basis. This end-project basis billing was done at the Debtor's request. In light of the Fee Guidelines, Howard & Howard anticipates that it will no longer bill on an end-project basis, and anticipates that fees requested in subsequent Interim Fee Application will have been billed and incurred during such compensation period.

by this Court's Third Supplemental Order, with a monthly fee statement for professional services rendered and expenses incurred on behalf of the Debtors, along with a detailed report of time entries and expenses.

7. As of the date of this Application, Howard & Howard has received a total of \$156,799.89 for professional fees and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period.<sup>2</sup> However, Howard & Howard anticipates that by the time of the October 19, 2006 hearing on the First and Second Interim Fee Applications, Howard & Howard will have received Ninety Percent (90%) of its fees sought in this Second Interim Fee Application, and One Hundred Percent (100%) of the expenses sought.

8. As of the date of this Application, with each payment received, Twenty Percent (20%) of Howard & Howard's fees for professional services during the Compensation Period has been held back by the Debtors pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order pending the Court's order on this Second Interim Fee Application. However, pursuant to the Fourth Supplemental Order, Howard & Howard anticipates receiving one half of all holdback amounts prior to the October 19, 2006 hearing. Thus, the Debtor seeks approval and payment of all remaining holdback amounts at this time, in addition to approval and allowance, in full, of Howard & Howard's expenses for services which Howard & Howard rendered and seeks payment in this Second Interim Fee Application.

9. The fees sought by this Second Interim Fee Application reflect an aggregate of 1,184.9 hours of attorney and paraprofessional time spent and recorded in performing services for the Debtors. This fee request does not include time that might be construed as duplicative or otherwise not beneficial to the estate. Of the aggregate time expended, 341.4 recorded hours

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<sup>2</sup> Howard & Howard has not received payment for the \$21,355.00 in fees incurred during the Compensation Period but not processed and billed during the Compensation Period.

were expended by partners, 453.7 recorded hours were expended by associates, 12.1 recorded hours were expended by patent agents, and 377.7 recorded hours were expended by intellectual property paraprofessionals.

10. During the Compensation Period, Howard & Howard's hourly billing rates for attorneys working on these matters ranged from \$120.00 to \$395.00 per hour. Allowance of compensation in the amount requested would result in a blended hourly billing rate for attorneys of approximately \$218.50. Applicant believes that the services rendered by Howard & Howard have conferred significant benefit on the bankruptcy estate. Applicant believes that its billing rates in these Chapter 11 cases, which reflect Applicant's customary billing rates, are "reasonable billing rates" for purposes of this Court's determination of the "reasonableness" of the fees for services rendered. Howard & Howard's customary billing rates (and the fact that these rates are subject to annual adjustment in accordance with Howard & Howard's standard practices) were disclosed in the retention papers, which have been approved by this Court. The rates charged by Applicant are reasonable and are consistent with customary rates charged by similar firms. If this case were not a case under the Bankruptcy Code, Applicant would charge and expect to receive, on a current basis, an amount at least equal to the amounts requested herein for professional services.

11. Pursuant to the Guidelines, annexed hereto as **Exhibit B** is a schedule setting forth all Howard & Howard professionals and paraprofessionals who have performed services in these Chapter 11 cases for which payment is sought in this Second Interim Fee Application, the capacities in which each such individual is employed by Howard & Howard, the hourly billing rate charged for services performed by such individual, the aggregate number of hours expended

in this matter and fees billed therefor, the year in which each professional was first licensed to practice law and the year in which each professional graduated from law school.

12. Pursuant to the Guidelines, annexed hereto as **Exhibit C** is a summary by project category of the fees generated by the services for which payment is sought in this Second Interim Fee Application and for each project category, a list of each person providing services, a statement of the number of hours spent and the amount of compensation requested for each person on the project.

13. Annexed hereto as **Exhibit D** is a schedule specifying the categories of expenses for which Howard & Howard is seeking reimbursement and the total amount for each such expense category.

14. All of the services for which interim compensation is sought were rendered to the Debtors solely in connection with these cases, in furtherance of the duties and functions of the Debtors and not on behalf of any individual creditor or other person.

15. Howard & Howard has not entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any other party for the purpose of fixing or sharing fees or other compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in these cases.

16. Howard & Howard has neither shared, nor agreed to share (a) any compensation it has received or may receive with another party or person, other than with the members, counsel and associates of the firm, or (b) any compensation another person or party has received or may receive. No promises have been received by Howard & Howard or any member thereof as to compensation in connection with these cases other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

17. Howard & Howard serves its monthly fee statements to: (i) Delphi Corporation, (ii) counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, (iii) the U.S. Trustee, (iv) Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, (v) counsel for the agent under the Debtors' pre-petition credit facility, (vi) counsel for the agent under the Debtors' post-petition credit facility; (vii) the Joint Fee Review Committee. To date, no objections have been raised.

18. To the extent that time or disbursement charges for services rendered or disbursements incurred relate to the Compensation Period, but were not processed prior to the preparation of this Interim Application, Howard & Howard reserves the right to request additional compensation for such services and reimbursement of such expenses.

#### **STATUTORY BASIS FOR RELIEF SOUGHT**

19. The statutory basis for the relief sought herein are Sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, as supplemented by Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Applicant seeks compensation for actual, necessary professional services rendered and reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Debtors during the Application Period. Bankruptcy Code Section 330 (a)(1) provides that the Bankruptcy Court may award (A) reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the trustee, examiner, professional person, or attorney and by any paraprofessional person employed by any such person; and (B) reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses. Section 330(a)(3)(A) provides:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded, the court shall consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including (A) the time spent on such services; (B) the rates charged for such services; (C) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this title; (D) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue or task addressed; and (E) whether the

compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this title.

Section 331 governs the allowance of interim compensation to professionals and provides:

any professional person employed under section 327 or 1103 of this title may apply to the court not more than once every 120 days after an order for relief in a case under this title, or more often if the court permits, for such compensation for services rendered before the date of such an application or reimbursement for expenses incurred before such date as is provided under section 330 of this title. After notice and a hearing, the court may allow and disburse to such applicant such compensation or reimbursement.

The policy of Section 330 is to ensure that qualified attorneys will not be “deterred from taking bankruptcy cases due to a failure to pay adequate compensation.” *Ames Dep’t Stores*, 76 F.3d at 72 (citing *UNR Indus.*, 986 F.2d at 210).

The courts examination of the reasonableness of the services rendered must be conducted in “an objective manner, based upon what services a reasonable lawyer or legal firm would have performed...” *Ames Dep’t Stores*, 76 F.3d at 72 (citing *In re Matter of Taxman Clothing Co.*, 49 F.3d 310, 315 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995)).

#### **SUMMARY OF SERVICES PROVIDED AND EXPENSES INCURRED**

20. Howard & Howard has rendered substantial professional services on behalf of the Debtor including the evaluation of inventions and drafting, filing and prosecuting of numerous patent applications.

#### **AMOUNT APPLICANT HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED**

21. Applicant has previously filed one interim application with the Court which seeks \$98,553.00 for professional fees incurred between October 8, 2005 and January 31, 2006 and

\$19,710.10 for expenses incurred during such time period, for a total of \$118,263.70. As of the date of this Second Interim Fee Application, no objections have been filed to Applicant's First Interim Fee Application.

22. Applicant submits Monthly Fee statements as required by this Court's Interim Compensation Order for the months of February 2006 through May 2006. As of the date of this Second Interim Application, Applicant has received a total of \$156,799.89 for professional fees and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period.

### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE Howard & Howard respectfully requests that this Court enter an order (i) approving and allowing Howard & Howard's application for compensation for professional services in the amount of \$197,421.00, and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$10,006.89, for a total aggregate amount of \$207,427.89; (ii) authorizing and directing the Debtors to forthwith pay to Howard & Howard the full \$207,427.89, or, if applicable, the difference between the amount allowed hereunder and the amounts (if any) previously paid to Howard & Howard; and (iii) granting such other and further relief as is proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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